



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Request for Trees in Downtown Parking Lots

MEETING DATE: February 20, 1991

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council discuss and take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The following information is being provided in response to the attached request regarding tree plantings in the Downtown Parking Lots. At the City Council meeting of November 7, 1990, this item was referred to staff.

### Downtown Parking Lots - Tree Summary

<u>Lot #/Location</u>	<u># of Trees Existing*</u>	<u>Required Per Std**</u>	<u>Existing # of Stalls***</u>	<u># of New Trees &amp; # of Stalls Lost</u>
1 N/Walnut	0	13	32 - T 32 - P	13
2 S/Oak	0	6	32 - T	6
3 N/Oak	8	9	23 - T 13 - P	1
4 S/Pine	17	13	38 - T 13 - P	0
5 N/Elm	0	24	36 - T 83 - P	24
SP Lot	12	7	37 - P	<u>0</u>
Total				44

\* # of existing trees does not include street trees at curb

\*\* # of required trees, per City standards, is one shade tree per four stalls; based on net number of stalls and assuming one stall lost per new tree

\*\*\* P = permit; T = timed

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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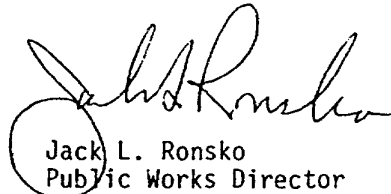
The cost of purchasing and planting a 15-gallon tree in a prepared spot ranges from \$125 to \$200 depending on various factors including the type of tree, use of root barriers, and work by City forces versus contract. Removal of pavement, installation of concrete curbing and an irrigation system could easily add an additional \$1,500 per tree. We cannot recommend adding trees without an automatic irrigation system. Annual maintenance costs for tree, planter, and irrigation system are not included in above estimates.

The cost for 44 new trees is approximately \$75,000. The loss of parking stalls would also be 44. The cost works out to \$250.00 per parking permit sold (based on 44 trees X \$1,700/tree ÷ 300 permits). The present permit fee revenue is only \$60.00 per year per permit.

The above analysis does not account for the shade or other aesthetics of existing street trees which, if included, would lower the total number of trees required by the City standard. However, it also assumes existing trees in the lots are adequate. Many of these trees are ones that will never provide shade for parked vehicles due to their location or species. Replacing or adding to these would, of course, add to the total cost.

If the City Council wants to pursue this request further, it is felt that the Lodi Downtown Business Association (LDBA) should comment on the loss of stalls at each of the parking lot locations. The City does not have the funds to provide for this request. Therefore, consideration should be given to increase permit costs. LDBA and downtown employees may also wish to comment on this.

FUNDING: None appropriated



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Attachment

cc: Assistant City Engineer  
Street Superintendent  
Anne and Larry Meyers  
LDBA

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Council

would you consider  
a tree planting program  
this fall & winter.

The downtown parking  
lots are in need of  
cooling off in the  
summertime when  
these areas become  
deserts.

Downtown workers  
and shoppers would  
appreciate the few  
degrees of cooling that  
the shade would  
produce.

Thank you for your  
consideration.

The Meyers  
Anne and Larry

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SUBJECT: Request for Trees in Downtown Parking Lots

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item that will be discussed at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street. You are welcome to attend.

If you wish to communicate with the City Council, please contact Alice Reimche, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item, please call Richard Prima or me at (209) 333-6706.

  
Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk

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